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Shaw Motion Could Mean Extra Delay

The trial of accused presidential assassination conspirator Clay L. Shaw has been scheduled in mid-February, but defense attorneys indicated it may be closer to March, if they decide to file motions to change the site of the trial.

Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. selected the first jury day in February, usually between the 10th and 15th, as a compromise yesterday with the defense, which had asked for a six-month delay, and the state, which had sought a speedy trial.

If Shaw, who has denied any connection with the assassination, goes to trial in February, it will be nearly one year after he was arrested and charged by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison of conspiring with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

Yesterday F. Irvin Dymond, Shaw's chief defense counsel, said he has until two days prior to the trial to file motions for a change of venue. Hearings on such a motion could delay the trial about two weeks, Judge Haggerty said.

The judge also denied a defense motion for a supplemental bill of particulars which would have outlined the state's charges against Shaw. The defense sought more information about alleged meetings attended by Shaw in New Orleans and Baton Rouge in furtherance of what Garrison calls a conspiracy to murder the president.